registration of the recyclers has been laid down under Rule 19 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) amendment Rules, 2003. According to these rules, all hazardous wastes recyclers are required to obtain consents under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and authorization under the Hazardous Waste Rules. The units recycling hazardous wastes are also required to have enviromentally sound technologies and adequate provisions for treatment and disposal of the subsequent wastes generated.

The Central Pollution Control Board has published a number of Guidelines for safe handling and disposal of hazardous wastes and to provide guidance to the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees of the Union Territories and the industries for handling hazardous wastes.

Development of Forest Villages

4037. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken up development of forest villages instead of cutting them for housing and industrial;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the progress achieved under this, so far, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Govt. of India provides assistance for the development of forest villages under the Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) Scheme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The project proposals received from the States are recommended by the Ministry of Environment & Forests to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for approval as per prescribed procedure and for release of funds. As per the information provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the state-wise details of funds provided for the development of forest villages during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07, are given in the Statement *(See* below). The assistance under the above scheme is mainly provided for development of forest villages by providing basic facilities and services like food, safe drinking water, primary education, approach roads, vocational training centers etc. As per information available in this ministry, there is not forest village in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Statement

Release and Expenditure for Development of Forest Villages (Tenth Plan) (As on 01.05.2007)

(Rs. in lakh)

		2005-06			2006-07					
Sl. No.	State	No. of Forest Villages	No. of villages for which projects approved 2005-06	Releases	No. of new villages for which projects approved	Releases for new villages	No. of village for which additional funds released	Additional funds released for villages in Col.8	Total release 2006-07	Total fund released for development of forest villages
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Assam	499	373	4059.00	102	1817.42	-	0.00	1817.42	5876.42
2	Chhattisgarh	425	343	4359.00	79	2817.87	317	1343.50	4161.37	8520.37
3	Gujarat	199	199	1979.00	-	663.00	182	771.38	1434.38	3413.38
4	Jharkhand	24	21	129.71	3	173.87	-	0.00	173.87	303.58
5	Meghalaya	23	NIL	0.00	23	390.71	-	0.00	390.71	390.71
6	Madhya Pradesh	893	679	6190.65	188	6798.92	867	3673.50	10472.42	16663.07
7	Mizoram	85	27	202.50	58	1072.50	58	245.00	1317.50	1520.00
8	Orissa	20	20	157.00	-	133.46	-	0.00	133.46	290.46
9	Tripura	62	NIL	0.00	62	930.00	-	0.00	930.00	930.00
10.	Uttarakhand	61	NIL	0.00	41	566.96	-	0.00	566.96	566.96
11.	Uttar Pradesh	13	NIL	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	West Bengal	170	170	2104.00	-	699.00	-	0.00	699.00	2803.00
	TOTAL:	2474	1832	19180.86	556	16063.71	1424	6033.38	22097.09	41277.95

Total number of forest villages-2474

Total number of forest villages covered in 2005-06 and 2006-07=2388

Total number of remaining forest villages to be covered=86

Total fund release in 2005—07= Rs.41,277.95 lakh